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Pony Fire Morning Update: June 22, 2016

Happy Camp, CA -- The Pony Fire is burning on the Klamath National Forest, about 15 miles southwest of Happy Camp and west of Highway 96. The fire is now 2,858 acres and 60 percent contained.

All containment lines on the Pony Fire held Tuesday on a hot and dry summer day. Crews worked on increasing mop-up depth where feasible on completed lines on the northern, eastern and southern perimeters. Fire managers spotted few hotspots in the fire interior during an afternoon air reconnaissance.

On the western flank, two hotspots were observed in the three "fingers" of fire burning downslope into the Dillon Creek drainage. Both will continue to be monitored, with three helicopters available for water drops if needed.

A Type 3 Incident Management Team began assisting with fire operations at 6 a.m. Wednesday morning, replacing the Type 2 Team. Six crews, five engines, a dozer and two chippers will work today on the secured sections of the fire, holding and improving containment lines.

Temperatures will moderate slightly on Wednesday as a quick-moving system from the Pacific Ocean begins to pass north of the fire area. Thursday will be cooler, before temperatures start to rise again on Friday.

For public and firefighter safety, a temporary closure order has been issued for lands within and adjacent to the Pony fire. The closed area includes National Forest land west of Highway 96, north of the Ukonom Ranger District boundary, east of Siskiyou Wilderness, and south of a line defined along Crawford Creek, Forest Road 15N19, and Bear Creek/Kelsey Trail. Dillon Creek Campground remains open.

More information and maps of the closure area are available on the Klamath National Forest website (www.fs.usda.gov/klamath).

Information, maps, and closures are also posted on Inciweb at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4769/>.



Firefighters working to contain the Dillon Fire on June 9th

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